

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully traverses and requests reconsideration.

Applicant again wishes to thank the Examiner for the notice that claims 15-24, 36-43 and 49 are allowed and that claims 3, 9, 12, 33 and 46 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include limitations from any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 25-29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 44, 45, 47 and 48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Halter. Applicant has amended remaining independent claims 1, 25 and 44 to note a method and apparatus that employs a configurable security key manifest and accepts new key attribute data to produce a configured security key manifest and that the configured security key manifest dynamically controls the creation of a new security key for a subscriber based on received key attribute data contained in the configured security key manifest. Such method and apparatus is not disclosed by the cited references. For example, the configured security key manifest includes key attribute data provided, for example, for the configurable security key manifest. The configured security key manifest is then used to generate new keys for a subscriber. No such configurable or configured security key manifest appears to be described by Halter. For example, Applicant's claimed invention among other things, allows, a subscriber or other entity to update a preexisting credential set based on the comparison, for example, of key attribute data represented in the configured security key manifest and those provided in a preexisting credential set. No such dynamic security key creation mechanism is described in the Halter reference. Accordingly, the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

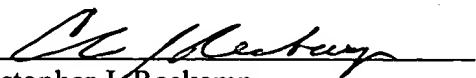
Applicant also reasserts the relevant remarks made in the previous response. Accordingly, the unallowed claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

The dependent claims add additional novel and non-obvious subject matter.

Again, also referring to claims 13 and 34, Applicant respectfully reasserts the relevant remarks made above with respect to the independent claims.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is invited to contact the below-listed attorney if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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